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THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" Offhand I am unable to give an answer. So far as I know, no report has been received from the District Prohibition Committee, Anantapur."

Government quarters for female nursing orderlies.

* 726 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state— 9-20 a.m.

(a) whether the Government have received any representation to give residential quarters for the women employed as female nursing orderlies, etc.;

(b) how many midwife trainees there are in Government Women's Hospital, Kozhikode;

(c) how many are paid stipends; and

(d) whether they have residential quarters?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No.

(b) Thirty.

(c) Twenty.

(d) The answer is in the negative."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" May I know why some only of the trainees are given stipends and not all the trainees? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The number of trainees to be given stipends is limited."

Accident Reserve Fund.

* 727 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state when the Accident Reserve Fund was constituted?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Accident Reserve Fund was constituted in the accounts of the Government Bus Services, Madras City, in the year 1947–48."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I know under what circumstances the Fund was constituted, how much amount is available in the Fund and how much of the amount was spent in the several accidents that took place? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" In G.O. Ms. No. 2681, Home, dated 14th July 1948 the Government directed that an Accident Reserve Fund should be constituted in the Provincial Accounts relating to the Government Bus Service. It was ordered that adjustments to the Accident Reserve Fund should be made on the basis of the premium payable for a comprehensive policy of insurance.

In G.O. Ms. No. 4119, Home, dated 8th November 1948, it was ordered that the contribution to the Accident Reserve Fund should be made at the following rates on the basis of

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the premium payable for a comprehensive policy of insurance covering not merely third party risks but also passenger and damage risks.

Type of bus.	Annual premium for each bus.
	RS.
Diesel bus	586
194″ wheel base bus	464
158″ wheel base bus	356

It was also ordered that contribution to the Fund for the two years 1947–48 and 1948–49 at the above rates should be provided for and adjusted in the accounts for 1948–49.

In G.O. Ms. No. 2984, Home, dated 29th June 1950, the Government accepted the recommendations of the Transport Commissioner and the Accountant-General, Madras, and directed that the existing process of accounting according to which contributions to the Accident Reserve Fund were made at fixed rates be dispensed with, that the expenditure on the rectification of the damage to buses arising out of accidents be straightway debited to revenue and that contributions sufficient to cover only third party risks be made to the Accident Reserve Fund. The Government agreed with the Transport Commissioner that a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs would be sufficient to cover third party risks to be borne by Government.''

Sri V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—'' May I know how and wherefrom money for this fund is collected? ''

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' It is not collected; a portion of the income from Government Bus Service is allotted to the Fund.''

Irrigation in the right bank of Malampuzha dam.

* 728 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any representations including a resolution of the Malabar District Food Production Committee have been received by the Government regarding the irrigation needs of the people on the right bank of Malampuzha dam and if so, what action has been taken?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—'' Yes. The Government have called for a report from the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) in the matter.''

Famine areas in Chittoor district.

* 729 *Q.*—Sri D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have declared any taluk in Chittoor district as famine area;

(*b*) if so, which taluks; and

(*c*) what relief measures are at present worked in such taluks?